

PENSACOLA has a Depth of 33 Feet of Water in the Channel at the Entrance of the Harbor.

NO CHANGE
IN PRIMARY RULES

County Executive Committee
Decided This Point Last
Night.

Those who were qualified voters in 1898 and who have paid 1898 and 1899 Poll Tax, Can Vote at the Primaries April 10—Those who have moved from one precinct to another can get a certificate of transfer from Supervisor of Registration Crabtree, but if they fail to get such certificate, they must vote where they did in 1898.

Pursuant to call, the Escambia County Democratic Executive Committee met at the office of Judge T. R. McCalligh at 7:30 o'clock last night with every precinct represented, either in person or by proxy, except precincts 5, 11, 16 and 20.

Chairman Parkhill presided and stated that the meeting had been called because of the fact that since issuing the call for the county primaries, the state executive committee had met and in their call invited all democrats to participate in primaries, including those qualified since the last election; that, to avoid confusion at the polls which might work injustice to some of the candidates, he had deemed it best to call this meeting to positively decide whether the call as originally issued should be adhered to or whether the polls should be thrown open to all.

H. T. Purcell said that the question had been discussed and settled before the call for county primaries had been issued and in his opinion could stand as it was then decided. He so moved.

N. W. Nicholson spoke earnestly in favor of permitting young men who had become of age since the last election and good democrats who had moved into the county since then, to vote at the primaries.

David Sheehan said he agreed to some extent with Mr. Nicholson; that these democrats should be granted the right to vote at the primaries; but it was too late to make the change; that the issuing of the call, done early at the request of the candidates, was perhaps a little premature, being issued as it was before the meeting of the state committee, but there was not now time to open registration books in the several precincts.

N. W. Nicholson said it was not necessary to open registration books; that the inspectors in the several precincts knew the residents of their precinct and whether they had been there long enough, or not, to vote.

Mr. Sheehan said that might do in the country precincts, but it would not work in the city; that no one wanted to go back to the primary days of old when sailors and others were voted in squads, and the only safe way would be to open registration books, which could not now be done without postponing the date of the primary, for the law required that books must be opened twenty days before an election.

W. H. Kilbee said the candidates had all made a thorough canvass on the rules laid down and any change now would do them an injustice.

Chairman Parkhill wanted to hear the views of the candidates, a large number of whom were present.

H. T. Purcell objected to the candidates now having any say in the matter. They had their say at the meeting and were satisfied. This was a meeting of the executive committee and not of candidates.

David Sheehan said the candidates were the ones most interested and he would like to hear from them.

Chairman Parkhill said the committee were the servants of the democratic party, represented by the candidates, and should be ready to hear their views and act in accordance therewith.

H. T. Purcell said that the committee represented the democratic party; that the candidates were only a lot of men seeking office at the hands of the democratic party.

A majority of the committee, however, favored hearing the candidates, and Judge F. E. Bouffay as their spokesman said that the candidates were to be allowed to stand as is.

Mr. B. G. Jones said it was not to make a change and the rules previously adopted should stand.

Mr. R. Landrum said the executive committee, composed of representatives of democrats from every precinct in the county, was better qualified than the candidates to settle the question of the confidence in the committee and were willing to accept its decision.

Mr. Purcell's motion was then adopted by a dissenting voice.

Mr. M. O. Baggott the motion of Mr. O. Baggott the motion to send out instructions as to the qualification of voters, each poll.

The question having been asked that of voters who had moved from one precinct to another were entitled

led now to get transfer certificates Supervisor of Registration Crabtree stated that the law authorized him to issue transfer certificates at any time and he had already issued several.

A further discussion of the law drew out the fact that all who had moved from one precinct to another and who failed to procure transfer certificates must vote at the same precinct they did at the last election.

It was ordered that the chairman prepare circulars to this effect and publish the facts in an official publication in the city papers.

The committee then adjourned.

The Kentucky Middle.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 30.—The Morning Herald prints a dispatch from Winchester stating that James Andrew Scott said, at the Reese house, that if Yontzey will tell all he knows he can hang Taylor and destroy the republican party in Kentucky. Scott insisted that Yontzey should confess and make himself rich. Others said that Yontzey had already told all he knew and had nothing more to tell.

A Six Cent Verdict.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 30.—The jury in the case of Assistant District Attorney Billows, colored, against Wm. J. McCarthy, a restaurant keeper who refused to serve Billows and a companion, Representative Geo. W. Wright of North Carolina, also colored, with a meal, returned a verdict to-day of six cents damages to the plaintiff, who had asked for \$5,000.

A Thousand Cooks Wanted.

NEW YORK, March 30.—An employment bureau in this city is said to have placed orders at Raleigh, N. C., for an unlimited number of negro cooks, house servants, etc. The bureau is said to require as many as a thousand of each sex. Cooks are leaving Raleigh daily. Infact there is an exodus.

Joubert's Funeral.

LONDON, March 30.—A Pretoria dispatch says that Gen. Joubert will be buried at his farm at Rustfontein. In accordance with his wishes the ceremonies will not be of a military character, but entirely civil and private. The British prisoners at Pretoria sent a wreath of flowers for the funeral.

Sleeping Car Charges.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—In the house to-day Mr. Berry introduced a bill prescribing that not more than a third of a cent a mile shall be charged for lower berths or one quarter of a cent a mile for upper berths on sleeping cars.

A Million Dollars a Day.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The treasurer is now disbursing an average of a million dollars daily on account of premiums on bonds exchanged for the new two. These disbursements about offset the excess of revenue.

Queen's Message to Joubert's Widow.

LONDON, March 30.—Queen Victoria has cabled to Lord Roberts to express to the widow of Gen. Joubert the sympathy of herself and the British nation and to tell her that he was a gallant soldier and an honorable foe.

Postal Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The postal appropriation bill will carry three-quarters of a million dollars for pneumatic tube and mail service. The total appropriation will be between \$115,000,000 and \$114,000,000.

Archibald Forbes Dead.

LONDON, March 30.—Archibald Forbes, the noted war correspondent, died last night. Mr. Forbes was well known in Florida, having frequently spent his winters in Tallahassee.

French Army at Sahara.

LONDON, March 30.—News has reached here that the French army at Sahara has won a big victory, wounding a thousand and capturing six hundred.

Cotton Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Cotton is quoted to-day as follows: April, 9.21; May, 9.25; June, 9.21; July, 9.20; August, 9.11.

BEST OF ALL

To cleanse the system in a gentle and truly beneficial manner, when the Springtime comes, use the true and perfect remedy, Syrup of Figs. Buy the genuine. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, and for sale by all druggists, at 50 cents per bottle.

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for SEWING MACHINES when you can buy the best make with all the late improvements at O. M. Pryor's Bargain Furniture House, for from \$19 to \$30. Our household furniture is equally as cheap. Call and see the big stock.

Allen

Pistachio Cream Wafers—something new. Your dealer should have them.

ARE PREPARING TO
MOVE ON PRETORIA

After Taking Kroonstadt British Will Attack Capital.

FORCES STILL INACTIVE

Present Halt of British Considered Necessary in Order to Make a Concentrated Move Toward Pretoria. Boers Continue to Recruit.

LONDON, March 29.—The war office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

"General Clements has occupied Fauresmith without opposition. One 9-pounder and one Martini-Maxim were discovered in a prospecting shaft of a mine, where a large quantity of ammunition was buried. Arms are being surrendered gradually and the inhabitants are settling down. Colonel Pilcher visited Ladybrand on March 26. On leaving the town he was attacked by a party of the enemy and one of his force was wounded and five are missing. During the skirmish north of the Modder river on March 25 five men were wounded. Three are reported to be missing. Captain Sloane-Stanley of the Sixteenth Lancers and five men of that regiment were taken prisoners."

Conjecture as to the advance from Bloemfontein is the topic of the day and is likely to continue so, for the British commander-in-chief in South Africa would have his movements as carefully as he has done in the past. April 2 is set by various critics as the probable date for the departure of the main army from Bloemfontein. It is pointed out that there will then be over a week's hard marching before Kroonstadt is reached, though there seems no certainty that Kroonstadt will entirely occupy Lord Roberts' attention. The advance, when it does occur, will probably be made by parallel columns along a broad front. The movements of the cavalry force and part of the infantry toward Glencoe are scarcely he construed as an actual advance, although they undoubtedly point to the imminence of such a step. But only a small part of General Gatacre's forces have yet arrived at Bloemfontein and until that movement is completed it is not likely Roberts will start for Pretoria.

The latest dispatch from Bloemfontein says:

It should be clearly understood that the present halt in the vicinity of Bloemfontein is absolutely necessary as a military precaution. It should be borne in mind that we are about to enter on a new phase of operations with the main communications through a recently occupied hostile country and that the expenditure of horse power. Here and in Natal we shall move on the commencement of the South African winter and must be prepared to face the effects of the first frost upon such animals as may be affected with horse sickness.

The correspondent adds that the Boer forces have been re-equipped and he says he is fully convinced that 150,000 foreign troops have been landed to aid the republicans.

A deputation of Dutch church ministers have had an audience of Premier Milner at Cape Town. The ministers urged the separation of the sick and well Boer prisoners and asked that the sick be sent to St. Helena.

It is reported that the prison transports will sail for St. Helena at the end of this week.

From Natal and Mafeking there is no further news as this dispatch is sent.

IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

President Kruger Gratified With the Progress of the War.

PRETORIA, March 28.—President Kruger, in a recent interview, says:

"My burghers are fighting bravely," he said with much earnestness. "And they will continue to do so until Great Britain asks for peace or withdraws her soldiers. We cannot expect to conquer several hundred thousand men in a day, but my burghers are going ahead rapidly, as you can see by looking at the place where we keep our prisoners."

"Even as your forefathers fought against great odds in the revolutionary war, so are we struggling, and even as God was with you so is He with us. We have fought with England before and defeated her, and we will be victorious again."

MR. GLADSTONE ON THE WAR

He Says British Power Must Predominate South Africa.

LONDON, March 29.—Speaking at a breakfast of the Liberals at Nottingham, Herbert Gladstone, son of the late William E. Gladstone, and member of parliament for West Leeds, declared that nearly all the Liberals had agreed in regard to the settlement of the South African question that it was the duty of the government to make a compromise of the war impossible and show to the world that British power in South Africa is predominant and that the British flag must wave over the whole of South Africa.

Will Go to the Front.

LONDON, March 29.—The Duke of Norfolk has resigned the office of postmaster general owing to the fact that he is going to South Africa with the Sussex yeomanry.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS cures diseases of the kidneys, cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach and bowels. For sale by Hannah Bros.

TO CRUSH OUT OPPOSITION.

Tobacco Trust Makes War on the Blackwell Company.

RALEIGH, March 29.—W. A. Guthrie of Durham has filed in the United States circuit court here his answer to the suit of the American Tobacco company against the Blackwell Tobacco company of Durham. The American company has asked the court to appoint a receiver to sell the Blackwell property, divide its assets and terminate the existence of the latter corporation. Guthrie, in his answer, says the circuit court has no jurisdiction over the Blackwell company, which is chartered by the North Carolina legislature and which is a solvent corporation.

The answer is very pointed. Guthrie says the American company is trying to forestall the legislature by getting the matter disposed of before the latter meets.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Dr. Reutz Held to Answer for Death of Patient.

HOMERVILLE, Ga., March 29.—The superior court convenes on April 9. The most important case on the docket will be the trial of Dr. L. U. Reutz, charged with murder.

Dr. Reutz performed a surgical operation upon Miss Maggie Moore. After the operation was performed the lady lived about twenty-four hours and died. Dr. Reutz carried away the substance taken from the patient and a day or two afterwards an autopsy was held.

It was there given in evidence that the kidney had been removed instead of the ovaries. Talk of lynching the doctor was freely engaged in. The grand jury returned an indictment for murder and he was arrested immediately and Reutz was released on a \$7,000 bond.

JAPAN PREPARES FOR WAR.

Activity in Army and Navy Circles Presages Conflict With Russia.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 29.—The government transport Garonne has arrived from quarantine with news of active preparations in the military and naval departments of Japan for war with Russia. The Russian fleet at Nagasaki has disregarded the harbor authorities and anchored where it pleased.

The war spirit is said by Captain Conrad of the Garonne to be strong in Japan on account of the czar's secret attempt to gain influence in Korea in violation of the treaty. A grand assembling of the Japanese navy, to be followed by maneuvers from which foreign newspaper correspondents and the public were to be excluded, was fixed for the last of this month.

Jean Beraud's Condition.

LOUISVILLE, March 29.—Peter Wimmer, who is training the most expensive racing stable ever quartered under one roof, has received a telegram from ex-Secretary of the Navy W. C. Whitney, owner of Jean Beraud and other horses, asking for a statement concerning the alleged lameness of Jean Beraud, reports of which have been printed extensively in the east. Mr. Wimmer replied by wire to the effect that all statements concerning any injury or lameness of the great horse were absolutely false, that he had never been better and that the reports were without foundation.

"Ill weeds grow apace." Impurities in your blood will also grow unless you promptly expel them by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

South Carolina Veterans.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—General Irwin C. Walker of Charleston, the commander of the South Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans, is in the city to make preliminary arrangements for the trip of the veterans from this state to Louisville. He desires South Carolina to be largely represented at this reunion, and is his desire to have veterans who go from this state go together, concentrating for the start at Spartanburg and proceeding thence by the mountain route to Louisville.

Rumored Sale of The Journal.

ATLANTA, March 29.—The city has been full of rumors for the past few days of the sale of a controlling interest in the Atlanta Journal. It is known that Holke Smith owned a majority of the stock in the paper, and the rumor had it that he had sold it to H. M. Atkinson and others. The associates of Mr. Atkinson are said to be Morris Brandon and J. R. Gray, each of the three purchasing an equal interest.

Tennessee Derby.

MEMPHIS, March 29.—Every day brings something new and interesting concerning the Tennessee derby and looks as though there will be at least eight or ten starters. The Conqueror's excellent race, or rather his good gallop away from Canon and Shillingburg from the barns of George C. Bennett and John F. Schorr, has again turned the tide of public feeling in his favor.

Another Cotton Mill.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—Another cotton mill has been incorporated, carrying the total capitalization for the year over the \$5,000,000 mark. The last is a \$100,000 mill at Weirton, near Augusta.

Towel Factory For Rock Hill.

ROCK HILL, S. C., March 29.—Negotiations have been concluded with Mr. J. C. Harrington of New York for the establishment of a towel factory here. The plant will cost \$50,000.

Benefit of the carpet fund Presbyterian church.

TAYLOR WILL IGNORE
COURT'S DECISION

He Will Refuse to Vacate the Governor's Office.

TO AWAIT SUPREME COURT

Says There Is an Agreement That No Move Will Be Made Until the Case Is Finally Passed Upon by That Tribunal.

LOUISVILLE, March 29.—Governor W. S. Taylor was in town for a while today on his way to Butler county, where a sister died yesterday.

While here the governor made a statement as to his probable course in the event that the decision of the court of appeals is against him. While it has been generally understood that the Republicans would not surrender the state offices on the judgment of that court nothing official has heretofore been given out on the subject. Said Governor Taylor:

"The court of appeals has not yet taken up the case and any announcement from me as to my action after their decision would be premature. The agreement of the attorneys for both sides, however, states specifically that there is to be no movement until the case is finally settled by the supreme court of the United States, and I think I will act by this agreement in every step I take, and not give up any of the rights I hold by it."

KIDNAPED HER OWN CHILD.

Had Given It Away but Could Not Live Without It.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—A few nights ago the sympathy of passengers on the train from Sumter to Columbia were aroused by the conduct of a woman, who had a little boy with her. She told them the child had been with others for years and as they refused to give it back she had stolen it away. She made frantic appeals to the boy to recognize his mother, but he could not. The woman declared she could not live without the boy and would work herself to death, if need be, for his support. The passengers raised a fund for the child and its mother.

The foster parents will see if there is any process by which they can get the boy back from his mother. They are heartbroken.

IN INTEREST OF WOMEN.

National Legislative League Organized in New York.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The National Legislative league has been formed in this city with Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake as president. There are to be six important committees and the league will hold an annual convention in Washington, the date to be settled on later.

The object of the league is to obtain for women equality of legal, civil and industrial rights through action by congress and the state legislatures.

Big Deal in Timber Land.

KNOXVILLE, March 29.—H. R. White and A. C. Palmeter of Coudersport, Pa., are in this city negotiating for the purchase of 25,000 to 30,000 acres of valuable timber lands in the mountain section of East Tennessee. The deal will involve about \$50,000. It is understood the gentlemen will erect sawmills upon the property after the transfer is made and will saw various timbers cut on the property.

Investigation Continues.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—The Couer d'Alene investigation opened today with no outward evidence of existing events of yesterday, although there was considerably good-natured rivalry among members as to when the "first round" would be called. Governor Steunenberg was again on the stand, with Representative Lentz conducting the cross examination.

Verdict For Plaintiff.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 29.—Sometime months ago G. W. Watts of Barnwell, who was a penitentiary guard here, fell into a cut being made by the Seaboard Air Line road in order to get to its terminal in this city. He brought suit in the Barnwell courts for \$10,000 damages for injuries received and the jury has awarded him \$7,500.

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QUEER STORY OF A WATCH.

Dr. Lidstone's Dream Results in Serious Complications.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 29.—Dr. S. K. Lidstone is the principle figure in a strange story which has just come to light.

About two years ago a young man named John Vickers secured a gold watch from Dr. Lidstone. Vickers took the watch out to the home of Mrs. James Burch, to whose daughter he was paying some attention, and presented it to the young lady.

Shortly afterward Miss Burch became ill and subsequently died. At the time the watch was in her possession.

Months passed and nothing was said of the watch until Monday last. Dr. Lidstone called at the home of Mrs. Burch, so he stated, in response to a dream or vision. While seated in his office the vision of a young lady whom he described appeared in a dream, and telling him who she was, instructed him to go to her mother's home, on Oak street, and get the watch which she wanted him to have.

Mrs. Burch, impressed by his narrative, gave him the watch. Soon afterward Mrs. Burch came to town and told her brother-in-law, Joe Burch, who determined to get at the real facts in the case. He rang up Vickers at Winder, and Vickers declared he had paid every cent on the watch. Mr. Burch then demanded the watch of Dr. Lidstone, who told him to come back at 1 o'clock. He went back and Dr. Lidstone gave him the watch.

STANDS BY STATEMENTS.

The Rev. Arthur Crane Will Reply to His Critics.

CHARLESTON, March 29.—The sermon of the Rev. Arthur Crane on Sunday, at the First Baptist church, continues to be talked about. His comparison of Charleston to Sodom, etc., is generally considered to have been too sweeping, and he continues to be severely criticised. His arraignment of the administration and the police department has greatly exercised the officials, who seem to think that silence is golden, and their best interests will be conserved by not making a statement. The sporting element, the "blind tigers" and the classes who were severely handled are reticent in kind.

Mr. Crane stands to every charge he has made and says he can prove their truth. He said that the talk of the people and the notices in the newspapers are not honest and legitimate criticism, but only "personal attacks." He will devote 15 minutes' prelude of his sermon next Sunday night in reply to the criticism now being directed at him.

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Railroad Appointments.

MEMPHIS, March 29.—The following appointments are announced officially on the Little Rock and Hot Springs Western railroad: By S. W. Fordyce, president—Henry G. Fleming, general superintendent and chief engineer; H. F. Martin, auditor and local treasurer; F. W. Gregory, general freight agent and passenger agent, with head office at Hot Springs; S. W. Fordyce, Jr., office St. Louis. By Henry C. Fleming, superintendent—George R. Brown, advertising agent at Little Rock. These appointments are effective April 2.

Ex-Senator Sawyer Dead.

OSHKOSH, Wis., March 29.—Former United States Philites Sawyer died at 9:15 o'clock today at the residence of his son, E. P. Sawyer, in this city. He had been in ill health and his illness became serious Tuesday afternoon. The attack first affected the stomach, extending to other organs, the aggravated disorders finally resulting in his death. He was 84 years of age.

New Bank Organized.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., March 29.—The First National bank of Orangeburg has received its certificate of authority from the comptroller of the currency to open business and as soon as details can be arranged this bank will commence operations.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the remedy on which you can depend for the cure of a protracted cough, or lung affection brought on by exposure to cold. It is the most efficient medicine sold. A bottle costs only 50c.

WIRE FENCING.

For the next 30 days A. J. Watkins will order ornamental wire fencing at such low prices it will surprise everybody. You can have any kind, from 2 feet to 4 feet high; or you can get the best and cheapest iron fencing of all kinds. When you desire fencing of any kind done leave your order at Wm. Johnson & Son's for me and you will save money and get first-class guaranteed work. A. J. WATKINS. 30-1m.

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